









Adopt a Food Stamp Office

A brand new, exciting program to link the Arizona Nutrition Network with local Food Stamp Offices!

Background

The Arizona Nutrition Network works closely with the Arizona Department of Economic Security, the state agency which administers the Food Stamp program



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• While relations are strong at the state level, there exists a disconnect at the local level, between Food Stamp offices and Network partners who are providing nutrition education to food stamp eligible audiences



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 We realized that the Network needed to find a way to connect the staff administering Food Stamp benefits with the people doing nutrition education



A program is born



The Adopt an Office program links up partners of the Arizona Nutrition Network with a Food Stamp office in their area

What is it?



Partners sign an interest sheet, and indicate what area of town or the state they would like – We match up partners with DES offices at our office, then notify them when there is a match

Could not be easier!

When a partner agrees to adopt an office, they receive:



- * Adoption certificate
- * Guidebook
- Visit tools (business card, apron, etc)

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they agree to visit their office about once a month, just like a pharmaceutical rep visits a doctor's office

 They give us feedback by faxing in the visit report form





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But why?

To help ensure our materials are reaching our audience



To develop personal relationships between our state's nutrition educators and Food Stamp staff

Most of all.....



- The Food Stamp office is an ideal vehicle for nutrition education:
 - * Enhance environment with print materials, posters, education items, murals, activity centers
 - * Education to Food Stamp staff on common messages
 - * Media TV/VCR in waiting room, scrolling message board



The model is already successful! (for drug companies)



Why do drug companies spend so much money paying reps to visit offices?

Think like drug companies!

 Drug representatives drop in once a month, like clockwork



They make the visit quick and fun

 They become a source of value to the staff and doctors!

Fun and rewarding for everyone!

This program is designed to be FUN for everyone –



Food Stamp office staff
Food Stamp clients
Our Network partner



This is a work activity!

 This is an allowable cost under the Food Stamp Nutrition Education program, which means visits can be done during normal work hours under our Local Incentive Award program!



Enhancing offices

Partners can request funding through the Network to enhance their office, such as with nutrition related:



- * Waiting Room activity centers
- * Murals
- * Videos and more!



Nutrition Saturated Offices!

offices, one office at a time, that are saturated with nutrition themes – from the walls, to materials, to toys, to tips from staff to food demos in the waiting rooms, to nutrition videos in the VCRs











